

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 11, lines 9-12 please make the following corrections:

[44] ~~“Alkylthio-Thioalkyl”~~ refers to a moiety of the formula  $-SR^d$ , where  $R^d$  is alkyl as defined herein.

[45] ~~“Arylthio-Thioaryl”~~ refers to a moiety of the formula  $-SR^e$ , where  $R^e$  is aryl as defined herein.

On page 2 lines 16-20, please make the following corrections:

$R^5$  is alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aryloxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxy, ~~thioalkyl~~  
alkylthio, thioaryl ~~arylthio~~, or  $-NR^8R^9$ , where each of  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  is independently  
hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or a nitrogen protecting group, or  $R^8$  and  $R^9$   
together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form a heterocyclyl  
ring;

On page 12 lines 23-27, please make the following corrections:

$R^5$  is alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aryloxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxy, ~~thioalkyl~~  
alkylthio, thioaryl ~~arylthio~~, or  $-NR^8R^9$ , where each of  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  is independently  
hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or a nitrogen protecting group, or  $R^8$  and  $R^9$   
together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form heterocyclyl.